

HONGKONG, July 8.		
BAROMETR—	9 A.M.	29.892
Do.	1 P.M.	29.890
Do.	4 P.M.	29.850
Thermometer—	9 A.M.	87
Do.	1 P.M.	87
Do.	4 P.M.	87
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	81
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	81
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	81
Dr. Maximum		87
Do. Minimum		81

INSURANCES.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000
 PARASITIC RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000
 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
 CUMULATIONS, &c.....Tls. 913,268
 April, 1880.....

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
 W. M. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.,
 J. H. PINKVOS, F. D. HIRSH, Esq.,
 Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs Baring Brothers & Co.,
 Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
 8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all
 parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 1% for interest
 on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of
 the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are an-
 nually distributed among all Contributors
 of Business in proportion to the Premium
 paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, May 11, 1880.....10c30

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
 Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong
 for the above Company, are prepared to
 grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent
 of £10,000 on any Building, or
 on Merchandise in the same, at the
 usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.....

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong
 for the above Company, are prepared to
 grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent
 of £10,000 on any Building, or
 on Merchandise in the same, at the
 usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
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GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.....

NORTON & Co., Agents.

THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong
 for the above Company, are prepared to
 grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent
 of £10,000 on any Building, or
 on Merchandise in the same, at the
 usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.....

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong
 for the above Company, are prepared to
 grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent
 of £10,000 on any Building, or
 on Merchandise in the same, at the
 usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.....

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
 of which is paid up £ 100,000
 Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
 Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong
 for the above Company, are prepared to
 grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent
 of £10,000 on any Building, or
 on Merchandise in the same, at the
 usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, October 18, 1868.....

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital, Two Millions Sterling.

THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong
 for the above Company, are prepared to
 grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent
 of £10,000 on any Building, or
 on Merchandise in the same, at the
 usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.....

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENEROUS at all the Treaty Ports of
 China and Japan, and at Singapore,
 Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
 granted at the rates of Premium current at
 the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRY,
 Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.....

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
 of
 His Majesty King George The First,
 A.D. 1720.

THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong
 for the above Corporation are
 prepared to grant Policies of Insurance
 against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000
 on any Building, or on Merchandise in
 the same, at the usual Rates, subject to
 a discount of 20%.

GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.....

VISITORS' COLUMN.

We have instituted as an experiment
 a VISITORS' COLUMN, which we trust
 will prove successful, and be found use-
 ful. To it will be relegated from time
 to time such items of information, lists,
 tables and other intelligence as is con-
 sidered likely to prove valuable to per-
 sons passing through the City, and in
 connection with it we have opened a
 SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS
 DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment
 into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public
 Gardens.
 City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and
 Museum.—Free.
 Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesquely
 retreat and of great interest.
 The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central,
 in a line with Pedder's Wharf.
 General Post Office, Hongkong Club,
 German Club, Supreme Court, &c.,
 within a stone's throw.
 Lusitania Club and Library, Shelley St.
 Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c.,
 near the Public Gardens.
 St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above
 the Parade Ground.
 Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington
 Street.
 Union Church, Elgin Street.
 St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, West Point.
 St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden
 Road, near Kennedy Highway.
 Temperance Hall, specially adapted for
 sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.
 Sailors' Home, West Point.
 E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and
 the Great Northern Telegraph Co.,
 Marine House, Queen's Road.
 Masonic Hall, Zealand Street.
 Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house
 and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond
 the Cricket Ground, beside the City
 Hall.
 The Barracks and Naval and Military
 Store Departments lie to the east-
 ward, and cover a large area.

Hotels.

Stag Hotel, good accommodation for
 visitors at moderate rates, 110, Queen's
 Road Central.—J. Cook, Proprietor.

Stores, Books, &c.

Publishers of the Largest Collection
 of Views in the Empire, and genre
 illustrations of the Chinese.—ARON'S
 PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, 8, Queen's
 Road.

General Outfitter, Hosier, Tailor,
 &c.—T. N. DRISCOLL, 45 and 47,
 Queen's Road, by special appointment
 to H.E. the Governor.

Chronometers, Watches, Jewellery,
 Maps and Charts.—G. FALCONER & Co.,
 Queen's Road Central.

Travelling Requisites of all kinds,
 Books, &c.—LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
 American and English Stores, Books,
 and specially selected Cigars.—MAC-
 EWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

American Newspapers and cheap Re-
 prints, &c., choice Tobacco and Cigars.
 —MOORE'S VARIETY STORE, 42,
 Queen's Road.

Watches, Jewellery, Charts, Binocu-
 lars, Optical Instruments, Mordan's
 Pencil-cases, &c.—JOHN NOBLE, agent
 for Negretti & Zambra.

Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Ammunition,
 and Sportsman's Requisites of all descrip-
 tions.—Wm. SCHMIDT & Co., Gun
 makers, Eastern House of Beaconsfield
 Arcade.

Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS,
 CHAIR BEARERS, AND HORSES,
 IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.
 Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts.
 Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts.
 Day (from 6 to 8), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA PEAK.
 Single Trip.
 Four Coolies, \$1.00
 Three Coolies, 0.75
 Two Coolies, 0.50

Return (direct or by Pak-foo-lum).
 Four Coolies, \$1.50
 Three Coolies, 1.20
 Two Coolies, 1.00

TO VICTORIA GAY (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA
 BEACH).
 Single Trip.
 Four Coolies, \$0.50
 Three Coolies, 0.35
 Two Coolies, 0.40

Return (direct or by Pak-foo-lum).
 Four Coolies, \$1.00
 Three Coolies, 0.85
 Two Coolies, 0.70

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not
 more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above
 three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to
 an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip Peak, \$0.75 each Coolie.
 (12 hours) Day, \$0.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Bearers (each).
 Hour, 10 cents.
 Half day, 35 cents.
 Day, 50 cents.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.
 1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900
 tons, per Day, \$8.00
 1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900
 tons, per Load, 2.00
 2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600
 tons, per Day, 2.50
 2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600
 tons, per Load, 1.75
 3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-tan Boat of 500
 tons, per Day, 1.50
 3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-tan Boat of 500
 tons, per Load, 1.00
 4th Class Cargo Boat or Ha-tan Boat of 300
 tons, per Day, 1.00
 4th Class Cargo Boat or Ha-tan Boat of 300
 tons, per Load, 0.80

Canoes.
 on Pullaway Boats, per Day, \$1.00
 on Pullaway Boats, per Hour, 0.20
 on Pullaway Boats, per Half-day, 0.50
 on Pullaway Boats, per Night, 1.00

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agree-
 ments.

STREET COOLIES.
 Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.
 One Day, 25 cents.
 Three Days, 75 cents.
 One Hour, 5 cents.
 Half-day, 10 cents.
 Night, 10 cents.

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private
 agreements.

HONGKONG RATES OF POSTAGE.

(Revised June 23, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables
 the Rates are given in cents, and are, for
 Letters, per half ounce, for Books and
 Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight
 are charged as double, treble, &c., as the
 case may be, but such papers or packets or
 papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two
 in connection with it we have opened a
 SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS
 DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment
 into which we are now ready to receive.

Commercial Papers signify such papers
 as, though Written by Hand, do not bear
 the character of an actual or personal corre-
 spondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied
 music, &c. The charge on the weight of the
 packet containing any partially written
 paper, it will not be charged less than 5
 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article
 may accompany it with a Return Receipt
 on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limits of weight for Books and Com-
 mercial Papers for Foreign Post Offices is
 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited
 to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these
 dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2
 inches.

N.B. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.
 The Union may be taken to comprise
 Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia,
 Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all
 N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Chili,
 Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, The Argentine
 Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana,
 Honduras, Colombia, Cuba, with all
 Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese
 and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief
 countries not in the Union are the Aus-
 tralian Group.

Postage to Union Countries.
 General Rates, by any route—
 Letters, 10 cents per oz.
 Post Cards, 8 cents each.
 Registrations, 10 cents each.
 Newspapers, 2 cents each.
 Books, Patterns and
 Comm. Papers, 2 cents per oz.

There is no charge on redrafted corre-
 spondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.
 Hawaiian Kingdom—
 Letters, 10
 Registrations, None.
 Newspapers, 5¢
 Books & Patterns, 5¢

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia,
 Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada,
 Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, &c.
 Letters, 30
 Registrations, None.
 Newspapers, 5¢
 Books & Patterns, 10¢

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and
 Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 12¢; Re-
 gistrations, 10¢; Newspapers, 2¢; Books and
 Patterns, 4¢; via Galle, Letters, 23¢; Re-
 gistrations, 10¢; Newspapers, 2¢; Books and
 Patterns, 4¢.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascen-
 sion, via Aden, Letters, 25¢; Registrations,
 10¢; Newspapers, 2¢; Books and Patterns, 5¢.

* Small extra charge is made on delivery.
 † There is Registration to British W. India
 Islands, 10 cents. To the Bahamas
 and Hayti, The San Francisco route is
 available.

‡ Registration to San Francisco, 10 cents.
 § Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Between Hongkong, Canton,
 and Amoy, in either
 direction, per letter or
 card, 1 cent.

Between any other two
 of the above places, per
 letter or card, 1 cent.
 (Through a British
 Office, viz. Hong-
 kong, Amoy, Canton,
 or Shanghai, the
 rate is 2 cents.)

Between any two of the
 above places, per
 parcel, 10 cents.

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Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post
 between any of the Post Offices in China
 or Japan, as well as to Macao, Pak-
 hai, Singapore, Penang, and Hong-
 kong. They must not exceed the following dimen-
 sions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep,
 nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The postage
 will be 20 cents per lb., which will include
 Registration. The parcels may be wholly
 closed if they bear this special endorse-
 ment. Parcels containing no tobacco, but
 any parcel may be opened by direction of
 the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted:
 Parcels insufficiently packed or protected,
 or liable to be crushed (as handboxes,
 &c.) Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances,
 Matches, Indigo, Dynamite, &c. Meat,
 Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever
 is dangerous to the Mail, or likely to be-
 come offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels will as a general rule be for-
 forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract
 Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the
 right of selecting the opportunity for trans-
 mission, and of delaying delivery in case
 of correspondence, or such as to retard
 other correspondence. No responsibility
 is accepted with regard to any parcel, but
 the system of Registration will secure the
 sender against any but a very remote proba-
 bility of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to con-
 found these facilities with a Parcel Post
 for Europe, &c., which does not exist.

Most countries to which Hongkong for-
 wards Correspondence having joined the
 General Postal Union or being probable
 about to do so, it is necessary that the
 following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be
 registered or not, may be sent by parcel
 for postage free, or for gold or silver money,
 jewels, precious articles, or anything that,
 as a general rule, is liable to Customs
 duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending
 of Patterns of durable articles, unless the
 quantity sent be so small as to make the
 sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as
 follows:—
 Letters and Papers to British Office, 5
 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.
 Patterns to British Office, 5 lbs. If with-
 out intrinsic value; to the Continent,
 &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The Post Office is not legally responsible
 for the safe delivery of Registered corre-
 spondence, but hereafter it will be pre-
 pared to make good the contents of such
 correspondence while passing through the
 Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain
 cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the
 conditions of Registration.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed
 in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the
 Postmaster General of Hongkong im-
 mediately the loss was discovered, the
 envelope being invariably forwarded with
 such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satis-
 fied that the loss occurred whilst the cor-
 respondence was in the custody of the British
 Postal administration in China, that it was
 not caused by any fault on the part of the
 sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck,
 nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any
 person not in the employment of the
 Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere
 damage to fragile articles such as postcards,
 matchboxes, handkerchiefs, &c., which
 reach their destination, although in a
 broken or deteriorated condition.

Money Order Regulations.

1.—Money Orders are exchanged with
 the United Kingdom, New South Wales,
 Queensland, South Australia and Port
 Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western
 Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with
 the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also
 issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2.—Small sums may be remitted between
 the other Ports by means of Postage
 Stamps, subject to a charge of one per
 cent. for cashing them.

3.—Many Money Orders are supplied to
 residents at the smaller Ports in this way.
 An application for an order is filled up,
 and is enclosed with a stamped, directed,
 and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster
 at the nearest issuing office. The application
 must be accompanied with the full amount
 (including commission) in cheque, postage
 stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a
 little margin should be left for variations
 of exchange. The Postmaster issues the
 order, sends it on in the envelope, and
 returns the change, if any, by a oppor-
 tunity, with a receipt for the letter; if it
 were to be registered, as it always should
 be. Care should be taken to send these
 applications in time, as the Money Order
 Offices close some hours before the depar-
 tures of the mails.

4.—No order must exceed £10, or \$50,
 or include any fraction of a penny, nor will
 more than two such orders be issued to the
 same person, in favour of the same payee,
 by the same mail. Orders will be drawn
 at the current rate of the day and paid at
 the rate of the day when the advice arrives.

The commission is as follows:—
 Orders on the United Kingdom.
 Up to £20.....18 cts.
 " £20.....20 cts.
 " £20.....22 cts.
 " £20.....24 cts.
 " £20.....26 cts.
 " £20.....28 cts.
 " £20.....30 cts.
 " £20.....3